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(54) **Method and system for managing events**

(57) A method for managing events. A first event 16 is received by an event engine from one of a multitude of sources. A rule which matches the event is extracted from a database 31. When the rule specifies that the event is to be held the event engine holds 22 the event for a specified time. Certain events received during that

time are caught by the engine. At the expiration of the time a new event relating to the first event and captured events is created 24. The new event is fed-back 30 into the engine. Other methods for managing events wherein the event is held by an event engine and new events are fed-back into the event engine are disclosed. Systems for implementing the methods are further disclosed.

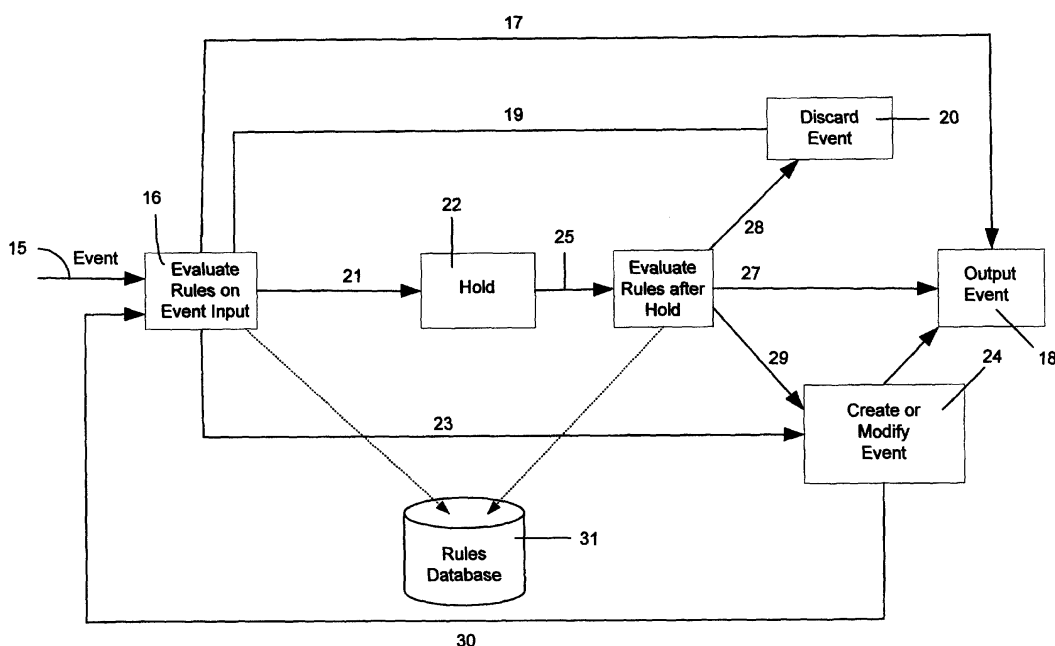


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